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Wisconsin Webinar

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Wisconsin's GLRI Webinar

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 - <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/greatlakes/glri>
- Opening Remarks by WDNR Secretary Matt Frank
- Wisconsin Great Lakes Priorities – Todd Ambs
- GLRI Overview
- EPA RFP Highlights
- Example Partnership Projects
- EPA's FAQs
- WI Question and Answers



Matt Frank,
DNR Secretary



Todd Ambbs,
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Overview

- Applications due noon, CST, January 29, 2010
- Register with EPA to fill in an online application, <http://greatlakesrestoration.us/login.php>
- Obtain DUNS number - <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/recipient/duns.htm>
- EPA webinar - http://www.epa.gov/grtlakes/fund/2010rfp01/2010rfp01_webinar.html

EPA RFP Highlights

- Read the entire RFP
- Identify Focus Area, and Program within the Focus area, for your application
- Check the appendix for more detail on projects within a program
- Carefully consider the scoring criteria on pages 31- 40
- EPA FAQ:
http://www.epa.gov/grtlakes/fund/2010rfp01/GLR_I_questions_121509.pdf

Examples of Partnership Projects

These are not inclusive of all of the good projects that we have received at the Office of the Great Lakes

- AOC Projects
 - St. Louis River
 - Menominee River
 - Lower Fox River Green Bay
 - Sheboygan River
 - Milwaukee Estuary
- UWEX statewide AOC Information & Education

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- Invasive Species
 - DNR is coordinating with DATCP, Universities, UW-Sea Grant, UWEX on a variety of invasive species prevention projects
 - boat wash stations,
 - AIS enforcement,
 - watercraft inspection,
 - AIS movement via live organism trade.
- Phragmites control – Counties, universities, colleges, DNR ...

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- Beach Closure Projects
 - UW Oshkosh, Great Lakes Counties and Cities including Dr. Julie Kinzelman from Racine, and DNR are collaborating on a series of joint projects to
 - conduct beach sanitary surveys
 - establish rapid testing labs around the state

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- NPS Projects
 - Northland College and the Superior Basin counties are collaborating on a comprehensive project to improve habitat and reduce non-point pollution in the in the Chequamegon Bay
 - TMDL implementation in the Green Bay basin represents a close partnership between DNR, Fox Valley counties, municipalities, UWGB, GBMSD and others

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- NPS Projects continued
 - A wide range of NPS projects are being coordinated by SWWT, WATER institute, MMSD, City of Milwaukee, DNR and other partners in the Milwaukee Estuary
 - Many other counties, communities and watersheds groups have NPS projects that align well with WI's Great Lakes Strategy

State Partners

- Department of Health Services
- Wisconsin Coastal Management – DOA
- Dept. Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection
- Dept. of Commerce
- Dept. of Transportation
- UW – Sea Grant
- UW – Extension

Other state agency representatives remarks

FAQs

- Focus of today's webinar is on the EPA RFP, but also worth noting there are other GLRI funded efforts underway, such as the RFP from FWS that is out now as well.
- EPA has posted a FAQ document that is long and detailed. If you have a question for EPA – please look at their FAQ document.

http://www.epa.gov/grtlakes/fund/2010rfp01/GLRI_questions_121509.pdf

Wisconsin FAQs

- Q: Will DNR be writing Letters of Support?
- A: No, DNR is not planning on issuing letters of support. EPA has indicated that these are not a high priority for them.
 - When you write your proposals make clear who your partners are and
 - reference where your project matches the goals of the Regional Collaboration, Wisconsin Strategy and other relevant action plans

Wisconsin FAQs

- Q: Do I need to send my application to DNR?
- A: No. Your proposal should be submitted to EPA directly.
- Q: How can I find out if others in Wisconsin are working on similar projects?
- A: Please visit the Office of Great Lakes website, we've included a spreadsheet of pre-proposals we received that may help you identify potential partners.

Wisconsin FAQs

- Q: We have multiple projects planned for the same geographic area. How should we bundle these projects or submit these projects to EPA?
- A: EPA's RFP requires that each project be submitted for a specific Focus Area for a specific program. See EPA's FAQ's for further guidance.

Wisconsin FAQs

example answer from EPA's FAQs

- Q: Bundling continued:
- A: EPA's RFP requires that each project be submitted for a specific Focus Area for a specific program. See EPA's FAQ's for further guidance. The RFP states that "Each proposal must address only one focus area and one program activity under a focus area..." So your proposal could have several elements so long as it is for one program activity under a focus area. Should you have several projects that are selected for an award, then at that time you may be able to bundle them together in a single grant application with separate, identifiable elements.
- EPA will evaluate the totality of the proposal which is submitted. If the proposal is selected (as described on page 20 of the Request for Proposals) EPA reserves the right to partially fund proposals by funding discrete portions or phases of proposed projects.

Wisconsin FAQs

- For RFP questions please be sure to review the RFP in detail & review EPA's FAQs
- Contact state agency representatives
- Contact any of us at the Office of the Great Lakes
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Additional Questions?

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